

## **Kristin Gist**

Ms. Gist is the Director of Developmental Service (DS) at the Children's Hospital. The Division of Developmental Services includes programs that serve children who have, or at risk for, developmental delays or disabilities and/or have early evidence of social, emotional or learning problems. Programs under DS include: audiology, speech pathology, occupational therapy, physical therapy, autism intervention, schools program and early care/education programs such as the Child Care Center and Toddler School (a multi-disciplinary inclusion program for children with autism).

In 1974, she founded the Developmental Evaluation Clinics (DEC), specifically for premature infants in the Neonatal Intensive Care Unit at Children's Hospital. The program grew to support all children at risk and was the seed for development of the Developmental Screening and Enhancement Project (DSEP) at Polinsky Children's Center and Children Autism Intervention Center.

Ms. Gist has provided developmental and psychological evaluation for children zero to five years of age through the DEC at Children's Hospital for 24 years. Through these over than fifteen thousand plus evaluations, she identified children with special learning and behavioral needs and linked them to interventions at Children's and in the community. She developed special interests and expertise on the impact of prematurity, prenatal drug exposure and autistic spectrum disorders in children and families. She has given numerous presentations locally and nationally on these topics.

Ms. Gist has been actively involved in Proposition 10 as a member of the Technical and Professional Advisory Committee TPAC since 1999. Her formal education includes a Master's degree in Clinical Psychology from San Diego State University.